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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AZUMA ET AL.

Examiner

JOHN L. GOODROW

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF 298)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/06, 6/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 6/06, 1/06 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 2002/0159804, 6593047, or 2002/0055119. Applicants' claims are to a photoconductor, and a device. Although applicants want to limit the photoconductor and device to a wet-developing photoconductor and device this is not limiting but only a statement of intended use and does not further limit the photoconductor or the device. Applicants also have the (I/O) of both the binder and electron transfer agent as the means to define the invention. The (I/O) is for all known material and any unknown material not yet tested. Any photoconductor having electron transfer agents and binders whether or not that the (I/O) characteristics are disclosed anticipates the claims. Azuma et al [2002/0159804] teaches an image forming apparatus containing an image carrier composed of a conductive substrate and a photosensitive material wherein the photosensitive material comprises a binder resin, an electric charge generating material,

an electron transferring material and a hole transferring material [0015]. The photosensitive layer is taught to have a single layer [0028]. The material in the photosensitive are the same materials used to compose the photosensitive layer of the present application. For binder resins Azuma et al teaches a copolymerized polycarbonate resin with repeating units of general formulas 1 and 2. As a suitable hole transporting material general formula [0079]. Both HTM are taught with molecular weights greater than 900. Formula 5 contains a stilbene formula 1. Hole transporting materials are from 25-200% by weight [0098]. Electron transferring agents [0090]-[0091] are from 5-80%. Azuma et al 2002/0045119 teaches a single layer type electrophotosensitive materials having a electron and hole transferring material in a polycarbonate resin note Abstract. Applicants attention is to [0016], [0019], [0037], [0038], [0058], [0066], and [0072]. Azuma 6593047 teaches a single layer type electrophotosensitive material note Abstract and Col. 10 for ETM and Col. 12 for HTM. Since the photoreceptors have identical materials the physical properties would be similar and inherently possesses the same properties.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN L. GOODROW whose telephone number is (571)272-1384. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark F. Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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